



## ***Enjoy life from your garden!***

Right about now, we start to get excited as we notice little changes around the nursery- the hellebores are opening, snowdrops uncurling and the Pleione's are getting ready to bloom. We are preparing for spring with the perennials being lifted, including Dicentra (Bleeding Hart) and with over 2,000 to prepare, it's a big job!

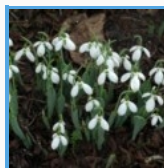
The roses we have selected have arrived so do visit the Nursery at 99 Bushyhill Street Tapanui to see our wonderful collection for 2019. It is interesting to note that Syringas (Lilacs) are experiencing a renaissance providing masses of colour and scent in the spring. We are in the process of developing a reference collection of Syringas growing in Central Otago in association with Beryl Lee of Dunedin. This is a sister-project to our reference collection of Sophoras (Kowhai). Bare root trees are also in stock, with \$5 off and this includes dogwoods, cherries and fruit trees.

Planning ahead, usually by years, is a huge part of what we do with our breeding programmes. We slowly bulk up crops that we think you'll enjoy by collecting, sowing, treating and germinating seeds ready for potting. We also propagate thousands of plants through cuttings and grafting, depending on the plant source. We are now lifting and potting our beautiful rhododendrons- this season's crop were propagated in 2015. Our rhododendron growing area covers 4 hectares with plants up to 7 years old. We also have a connoisseur range at 8 years old. This offers you a great range of sizes and very robust plants.

It was a great pleasure to share our love of snowdrops with the New Zealand Snowdrop Group on their recent visit to Blue Mountain Nurseries in Tapanui. They wandered through several woodland areas where snowdrops have been growing since the 1950's. You can plant your own woodland beauty now with bulbs ordered online from [www.bmn.co.nz](http://www.bmn.co.nz)

Plant snowdrops pointy nose up and flat base down into prepared soil in a moist but well drained woodland setting. Under deciduous trees is ideal. Ensure bulbs are planted at the same depth as they were growing before they were lifted from the ground or from a pot- the point where the green leaves start to turn yellow should be level with the soil surface. One bulb will bulk out nicely in 2-3 years. See the selection of snowdrops (Galanthus) in our online catalogue at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/assets/Retail-Web-list-Snowdrops-2.pdf>.

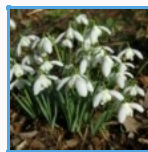
You can ask for our plants at your local garden centre, or get them directly from Blue Mountain Nurseries 99 Bushyhill Street Tapanui or on line at [www.bmn.co.nz](http://www.bmn.co.nz). Here are a few of our gorgeous plants that caught our eye.



### **Galanthus elwesii Emerald**

A Blue Mountain Nurseries introduction. Common name- Giant Snowdrop. Larger flowers of pure white with green tips in winter. Plant in shaded well drained but not dry soil.

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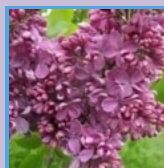


### **Galanthus nivalis Flore Pleno**

Double English Snowdrop. Double white flowers in winter. The last variety to flower. Plant in shaded well drained but not dry soil.

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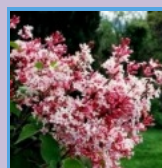
### **Syringa Alice Eastwood**



One of the best cut flower varieties. Claret-purple buds open to cyclamen-pink, double flowers with a mild fragrance. Deciduous. Hardy. Ht.2m

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### **Syringa microphylla Superba**



A small bushy shrub with pink red flowers in spring. Hardy. Ht. 1.5m. Deciduous.

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### **Rhododendron Seaview Sunset**



Vivid reddish orange in bud, flowers open light yellow with a broad band

### **Rhododendron Naselle**



Peach burnt orange coloured flowers with deeper edges in early Oct, on a compact bush. Ht 1.2m.



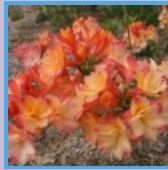
of reddish orange and mature pure yellow. Slightly glossy dark green foliage. Very hardy and compact. Flowers Oct. Ht 1m.

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## Azalea Nicholas de Rothschild



This Blue Mountain Azalea is quite unique from all other Azaleas. The tight buds are at first red and then open to a deep double golden yellow. As the flowers mature, they begin to pale until they become a

soft pink. This combination makes for a kaleidoscope of colour. Throughout the summer season the deep green foliage makes a good garden background, while in autumn the leaves turn a fiery red before falling. Altogether a great shrub for punctuating the different seasons of the year. An upright grower to 1.25m. This Azalea likes a well-drained but moist soil and will stand some sun.

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## Azalea Pink Chiffon



Another Blue Mountain Azalea and a new release. Double pink flowers in November on a compact bush. Plant needs shelter from wind. Scented. Ht. 1.5m. Deciduous.

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## Pieris Japonica Forest Flame



Lily of the Valley Bush. A superb hybrid with brilliant red new growth. Compact grower with white flowers. One of the best. Ht 1.5m. Evergreen.

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## Pleione



It is still a great time to plant these rare beautiful, semi-hardy and popular orchids. There's a wide variety of colours and prices. Prices range from \$6.50 a bulb to \$50 for Pleione Rakata Nuthatch, pictured. Rakata is an

outstanding form with large flowers of deep apricot with lips of gold and red. Amongst the largest and most vigorous of the Pleiones. The Pleione catalogue is at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/assets/Retail-Web-list-Pleiones-2019.pdf> and growing instructions can be found at <http://www.bmn.co.nz/blog/pleione-growing-instructions/>

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